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This volume of sermons should find a warm welcome because, among other reasons, it admirably shows how to interpret old truth and the needs of men so as to bring the two together.

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The Herods. By F. W. FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S., Dean of Canterbury, author of *The Life of Christ*, *The Life and Work of St. Paul*, *Eternal Hope*, etc. New York: E. R. Herrick & Co., 1898. Pp. xvi+206. Cloth, \$1.

Dean Farrar in the present volume has a subject which yields itself very well to his literary style. Though on a somewhat small scale, there is no more dramatic period in the world's history than that which this volume covers, and Dean Farrar has given the history in a very vivid setting. While to a large extent he is dependent upon Josephus, his knowledge of the rabbinical literature enables him to supplement the account of the historian with many anecdotes. But his book is a story rather than a history. His discussion of the proper chronological questions is hardly satisfactory. Thus, in the account of Felix we have no consideration of his relation with Cumanus. Indeed, throughout the volume the author's preference is for more vivid description rather than the discussion of questions of more technical historical interest. Further, his knowledge of the literature, while wide, is somewhat in general, and it is rather disappointing that in his discussions he should have overlooked special treatises.

S. M.

LITERARY NOTES.

PROFESSOR MOULTON'S volume upon *The Psalms* in the Modern Reader's Bible is probably as successful as any in the entire series. While there may be occasionally a question as to whether the arrangement may not vary from the real Hebrew parallelism, the excellencies of the new form are too great to be neglected by any students of Hebrew literature. (New York: The Macmillan Co., 1898; pp. 32 + 216; cloth, \$0.50.)

DR. FREDERICK A. NOBLE has published another helpful volume in *Our Redemption: Its Need, Method and Results* (New York, Chicago, and Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co.; pp. 282; cloth, \$1.25), in

which he discusses the reason why redemption is necessary, the method by which it is secured, and its effect upon human life. The discussion of the last topic is probably the most stimulating, though following out the line of thought of the author's *Divine Life in Man*.

THE United Brethren Publishing House of Dayton, O., has issued *The Book of Job, with an Introduction and Notes*, by William Johnston Zuck, of Otterbein University. In it the book of Job is printed in modern form, in which the parallelisms and strophic structure, together with the proper analysis, are brought out. In addition there is a series of notes which are intended to make the reading of the text appropriate for Bible classes and other students. The work seems to be well done, and the book is likely to be of service to students.

THE American Baptist Publication Society has issued an enlarged and revised edition of *A Young Man's Difficulties with his Bible*, by D. W. Faunce, D.D. (pp. 196). The work has already been helpful to a generation of young men, and is likely to continue to be of great service. The author's spirit is broad, and he does not attempt to deny the existence of difficulties in biblical study, but his attempt is to get at the heart of each of them, and to meet it as fairly as possible. The volume is to be recommended for the purpose for which it was written.

Religion and Conscience in Ancient Egypt. Lectures delivered at University College, London, by W. M. Flinders Petrie, D.C.L., LL.D., Ph.D. (New York: Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, 1898; pp. 187; \$1). In *Religion and Conscience in Ancient Egypt*, Professor Petrie has brought together an amount of material, with hypotheses based upon it, which will be of service to the students of comparative religion and of sociology. By a series of charts he attempts to show the variations in conscience and character as well as motive, on the basis of the material found in Egyptian literature and monuments, and has altogether produced a unique and interesting book.

Ideas from Nature, Talks with Students. By William Elder, A.M., Sc.D., Professor of Chemistry, Colby University. (Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1898; pp. 202.) The author of this volume has been for a number of years professor of chemistry in Colby University, and has, during these years, affected his students by his personal earnestness and scientific exactness as have few men. In the present volume he sets forth a line of thought which has character-

ized his teaching, and which has been not infrequently discussed in the hearing of the members of his class. The volume is not of the type of the work of Drummond, but is of real value in that it attempts to show how a study of nature brings a man more directly into the region of that which is religious. It is marked by wide reading, and by a deep sympathy with the best in life, and cannot fail to be of service when put in the hands of any person who is troubled over the relations of science and Christianity. Its style is luminous and oftentimes poetic, while at the same time there is a directness and strength in the expression which will be found in few books written by men who are professionally engaged in purely literary pursuits.

THE American Baptist Publication Society has recently published a number of books upon religious subjects. One by Thomas Moses, *Half Hours with the Christ* (260 pp.), in the form of a story, draws out the life and teaching of Jesus in a way that may be serviceable.—Two other volumes by Robert Stuart MacArthur, one a volume of sermons (*The Attractive Christ and Other Sermons*; pp. 327; \$1), and the other a volume of papers, *Current Questions for Thinking Men* (pp. 422). Of the two the latter is probably of more permanent value, and presents the most prominent positions of the Baptist faith with ability and earnestness.—Another volume from the same house is a collection of essays by Kerr Boyce Tupper, D.D., of Philadelphia, *Gladstone and Other Addresses* (pp. 266; \$1). They are well written, and are stimulating reading, making no pretensions to any original contribution of the subjects treated.—A little pamphlet from the same house, *A Scientist's Confession of Faith* (pp. 32), contains an account of the Christian experience of Emily L. Gregory, lately professor of botany in Barnard College of New York, with an introduction by Professor W. H. P. Faunce. The pamphlet is interesting as showing how a person through scientific lines reached a simple faith in Christ.